



Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) – Alhambra, CA

Jobs Plus Grant Award:	\$1,854,077
Leveraged Local Match:	\$3,011,073
Public Housing Development:	Carmelitos Housing Community

Key Partners

- Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network
- Long Beach City College
- New Opportunities Organization
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- LA County Community Development Foundation
- Long Beach Unified School District Head Start
- YMCA Greater Long Beach
- Cottonwood Church

Purpose of the Program

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Project Summary

The Carmelitos Housing Community consists of 713 units and 657 work-able residents, the majority (77 percent) of whom are extremely low-income. They face multiple significant barriers in achieving economic self-sufficiency, including low literacy skills, lack of basic jobs skills (especially for jobs with growth potential), lack of childcare and transportation, substance abuse, health issues, and criminal records.

Through the Jobs Plus grant, LACDA and its partners will provide focused assistance to the Camelitos residents, building upon assets and employment development initiatives in the surrounding community. Carmelitos is located near the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the nation’s largest adjacent ports and a key economic driver. LACDA’s program goals include:

- developing locally-based, job-driven approaches to increase earnings, advance employment, and improve earnings outcomes through comprehensive supports
- developing entry-level to career path jobs for residents in the local labor market in demand occupations in the region’s growth industries
- engaging local growth sector employers to hire and train residents for long-term employment
- working with community-based service providers to overcome barriers
- incentivizing employment to build a culture of work



Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) – Akron, OH

Jobs Plus Grant Award:	\$2,300,000
Leveraged Local Match:	\$13,281,339
Public Housing Development:	Summit Lake

Key Partners

- Summit County Workforce Investment Board
- Akron Area YMCA
- Building for Tomorrow: Early Childhood Initiative
- Reach Opportunity Center
- Akron Urban League
- AxessPointe Community Health Center
- conxusNEO
- Goodwill Industries
- Metro Regional Transit Authority
- Open M
- Project Learn of Summit County
- Stark State College
- Summit County Department of Job and Family Services
- United Way of Summit County

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Once the “million-dollar playground” of Akron, the community of Summit Lake is now one of its most impoverished neighborhoods. Need is substantial at Summit Lake, a community of 533 residents (263 of whom are work-able), where the poverty rate is 58.4 percent, the number of children below poverty level is 78.7 percent, and average annual household income is \$8,606.

Through the Jobs Plus grant, AMHA and its partners will work to achieve the following goals:

- Build skills for well-paying, in-demand jobs through skill-based interest assessments and placement into career pathways
- Improve job quality through employer outreach and education and on-site job training with emphasis on job retention
- Reduce barriers to employment for long term sustainability
- Provide support to maintain employment with strength-based case management including financial incentives and community supports for work

By leveraging existing partnerships, the Jobs Plus program will build skills, improve employer outreach, reduce barriers to sustained employment, and use strength-based case management so that residents can effectively participate in the reinvented Akron: a world-renowned center of polymer research and hub for healthcare service and innovation.



Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) – Chicago, IL

Jobs Plus Grant Award:	\$2,790,875
Leveraged Local Match:	\$4,355,700
Public Housing Development:	Dearborn Homes

Key Partners

- Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership
- Center for New Horizons
- FamilyWorks
- City Colleges of Chicago
- Chicago Department of Family & Support Services
- Park District
- East Lake Management

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Dearborn Homes consists of 1,622 residents of which 574 are work-able adults. The unemployment rate of the target population is 56 percent. Chicago Housing Authority will focus on direct employment placement in the high growth sectors with proximity of Dearborn Homes.

The program will provide a comprehensive menu of available employment and workforce development resources. All services will be provided on-site at Dearborn Homes, including:

- Job readiness training
- Workforce preparation workshops
- Networking events
- Job clubs
- Education and literacy services
- Computer/technology resources
- Business and employer partners
- Transitional jobs
- Employment placement services programs

Additionally, the program will utilize a Jobs Plus assessment tool to provide a strength-based, trauma-informed approach to service.

For Jobs Plus participants who need assistance utilizing the latest computer software, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership will provide digital literacy instruction on site at the Digital Resource Center at Dearborn Homes.



Durham Housing Authority (DHA) – Durham, NC

Jobs Plus Grant Award:	\$2,300,000
Leveraged Local Match:	\$3,168,528
Public Housing Development:	McDougald Terrace

Key Partners

- Durham Workforce Development Board
- Aisymmetry
- Banks Law Firm
- California Commercial Investment Group
- Central Piedmont Community Action
- Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project
- Childcare Services Association
- Duke School of Nursing
- Durham City Manager
- Durham County Department of Social Services
- Durham County Public Health Department
- Durham Crisis Response
- Durham Police Department
- Durham Technical Community College
- Germany McNeal
- HBCU - North Carolina Central University Social Work Department
- Kramden Institute
- Laurel Street Developers
- McDougald Terrace Resident Council
- NCCare 360
- Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- Step Up Durham
- Triangle Literacy Council

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McDougald Terrace, the largest public housing community in Durham, consists of 314 units, home to 352 work-able residents, in one of the fastest growing cities in North Carolina. Through the Jobs Plus grant, DHA will bring together key partners and community leaders with an innovative and holistic approach to job readiness, designed to reduce the unemployment from 66 percent of work-able adults to 34 percent, compared to a 3.6 percent area unemployment rate.

McDougald Terrace is in an area containing many “in demand” jobs, with the top 10 occupations providing livable wages require only a high school diploma. By efficiently incorporating the three key elements of Jobs Plus, DHA will strive to create a healthy and strong sense of community that values work and self-sufficiency.

Working together with resident community coaches, the program aims to support a strong sense of community that values mutual motivation and empowerment toward living wage employment.



Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth (HACE) – Elizabeth, NJ

Jobs Plus Grant Award:	\$2,300,000
Leveraged Local Match:	\$8,141,268
Public Housing Development:	Mravlag Manor

Key Partners

- American Job Center – Elizabeth (Union County Workforce Development Board)
- Mravlag Manor Resident Association
- Bridgeway Rehab
- Elizabeth Development Company
- Prevention Links
- PROCEED, Inc.
- Boxwood Learning Center
- E-Town Housing and Community Development
- Urban League of Union County
- Urban League Young Professionals

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Mravlag Manor is home to 414 households (359 are work-able) in Elizabeth, NJ, which is part of the New York City metropolitan area. Average income of community residents is \$15,837.89 per year, with 79 percent of residents qualifying as extremely low income or less, and 54 percent of residents without any earned income from employment.

Partnering with the local workforce system, Elizabeth Housing Authority will provide educational and vocational training with an emphasis on in-demand industries, such as food service, office and administrative support, transportation, and production occupations.

Training will include extensive job coaching, soft-skills training, financial literacy training, job search and placement assistance, and rapid reemployment services. Additionally, community partners will help provide services that overcome barriers to employment, including childcare and transportation.

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Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM) – Fort Myers, FL

Jobs Plus Grant Award:	\$2,300,000
Leveraged Local Match:	\$3,667,620
Public Housing Developments:	Horizons & Renaissance III Family

Key Partners

- Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board
- Hodges University
- Tri-County Apprenticeship
- School District of Lee County
- Sunset Home Health Services
- AMI Kids
- Classic Traffic School

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The Horizons and Renaissance III Family sites and their 203 work-able residents face extensive barriers to self-sufficiency, including a 59 percent unemployment rate, as compared to a 4 percent unemployment rate in surrounding areas.

In cooperation with their partners, HACFM will use the Jobs Plus grant to address these great barriers in the sites by utilizing economic and workforce data related to sector growth rates, the number of jobs added or lost in those sectors, and employers demonstrating sector needs.

HACFM will ensure residents connect to the opportunities based on alignment of readiness. Constant feedback will be utilized to match residents with needed training and arrange working residents with certificates and/or job openings that allow for the potential of economic advancement.



Jacksonville Housing Authority – Jacksonville, FL

Jobs Plus Grant Award:	\$2,300,000
Leveraged Local Match:	\$5,280,500
Public Housing Development:	Southwind Villas

Key Partners

- Northeast Florida Workforce Development Board (Career Source Northeast Florida)
- I-TECH Personnel Services
- Wealth Watchers
- Simply Sweetie
- Mary Kay
- The LDW Group
- RealSense
- 2nd Mile Ministries
- Daughter to Daughter
- Florida Training Academy
- Lutheran Social Service
- Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville
- Lamar Williams GED & Tutoring Services
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida
- Operation Hope

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The 250 households of Southwind Villas face great economic challenges, with 50 percent of the residents having no income from wages and 83 percent having earned incomes that qualify as very low income or less. Barriers to employment include lack of education, lack of basic and soft skills, lack of job search and employment-related skills, domestic violence, drug or alcohol abuse, lack of childcare and transportation, and financial issues.

Through the Jobs Plus grant, the Jacksonville Housing Authority and its partners will work closely with the 322 work-able residents in order to implement the Jobs Plus model including employment-related services, a financial rent incentive, and building community supports for work. Jacksonville’s Jobs Plus program will provide:

- Educational and vocational training
- Supportive services designed to overcome barriers to employment
- Extensive job coaching
- Soft skills and financial literacy training
- Job search and placement assistance
- Rapid re-employment assistance

The goal is to create a strong, cohesive sense of community that values work, where residents will motivate and empower each other to become self-sufficient by achieving living wage work.



Lowell Housing Authority (LHA) – Lowell, MA

Jobs Plus Grant Award:	\$2,300,000
Leveraged Local Match:	\$2,537,480
Public Housing Development:	North Common Village

Key Partners

- MassHire Lowell Career Center
- Coalition for a Better Acre
- Girls Inc.
- Career Center
- Community Teamwork
- Frederick A. Abisi Adult Education Center
- Lowell General Hospital
- Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union
- UTEC – Breaking Barriers to Youth Success
- Middlesex Community College

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North Common Village and its 247 work-able residents in 524 units have struggled with significant challenges to self-sufficiency, including a 71 percent unemployment rate, and an annual income that is only 42% of the median household income for the city’s residents.

Through the Jobs Plus grant, community partners, employers, local leaders and residents will continually work together to provide educational and vocational training that will allow participants to obtain employment in the in-demand industries in the local area, in addition to providing supportive services designed to overcome barriers to employment such as insufficient childcare services and transportation.

Residents will create a strong, cohesive sense of community that values work, motivating and empowering each other to become self-sufficient by achieving living wage work.



Portsmouth Redevelopment & Housing Authority – Portsmouth, VA

Jobs Plus Grant Award:	\$2,300,000
Leveraged Local Match:	\$1,493,053
Public Housing Developments:	Seaboard Square I/II & Swanson Homes

Key Partners

- Hampton Roads Workforce Council
- Burning Bush Worship Center
- Hampton Roads Community Health Center
- Help and Emergency Response
- LGBT Life Center
- Portsmouth Health Department
- The Up Center
- Urban League of Hampton Roads
- Virginia Tidewater Consortium

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Seaboard Square I, Seaboard Square II, and Swanson Homes, comprised of 431 units (373 workable individuals), and their residents are faced with extensive challenges to self-sufficiency, including 74 percent of residents having earned incomes that qualify as very low income or less and 45 percent with no income from wages.

The Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority (PRHA) will use its Jobs Plus grant to improve job skills and services for community residents. Working with the Hampton Roads Workforce Council and key partners, PRHA will utilize monthly trends to build interest in growth sectors and ensure residents are aware of the benefits and opportunities to increase self-sufficiency.

A comprehensive series of workshops will be delivered monthly at the Seaboard Square Community Center to:

1. Provide training opportunities for those not qualified but are interested
2. Arrange jobs/certificates/trainings for those already working in the field
3. Expose residents to career paths
4. Increase earnings, leading to a continually improved economic and employment outlook

PRHA’s end goal is to enable participants to stay permanently engaged in the workforce, thereby making a working culture the norm.